

# Friends of Greenbelt Theater Selected as Theater Operator

by Thomas X. White

At its regular meeting on Monday, January 26 the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal of the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater (FOGT) to operate the Greenbelt theater once the ongoing renovation is complete. Since the theater decision was the most important item on the agenda, council allowed more than an hour to consider and act on a motion of Councilmember Judith Davis to approve the FOGT proposal.

The discussion was not without some drama. Mayor Emmett Jordan began the discussion by requesting that City Manager Michael McLaughlin provide his recommendations regarding the three proposals that have been under council review for the past two months. In response, McLaughlin said he had no recommendation to offer at this time and referred to his January 9 memo which advised that “... Council consider and select the vision/approach which best balances in your view 1) probability of succeeding economically, 2) comes closest to your vision of the theater and its potential as a focus of the community, and 3) the level of city support with which you are comfortable.”

Failing to get a definitive recommendation from McLaughlin, Jordan then turned to his colleagues to elicit their positions. Councilmember Edward Putens started the discussion by saying that the January 14 council executive session on the topic was very good and helpful. He felt that consideration of a so-called hybrid approach which could involve blending the various features of the different proposals was problematic.

Councilmember Silke Pope said the decision was a difficult one and that the decision was not a “popularity” contest. Recognizing that operation of the

Greenbelt theater was a difficult undertaking, she looked at Councilmember Konrad Herling and declared, “Konrad could do it.” She also would trust the judgment and recommendations of the city manager, she said. In any case, Pope noted the theater operation could be reviewed in a year.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed the view that there had been process mistakes, notably that council was being asked to select an operator for the renovated theater before seeing the important contract requirements, and that it was hard to make a decision. In his view the process started late and the decision is being made too quickly. He was concerned regarding the sustainability of the theater and hoped that Greenbelt citizens would not have to subsidize the theater forever.

**Motion**  
Davis, next up, then moved

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# Museum Lecture Describes Our Personal Landscape

by Sandra A. Lange

What is a cultural landscape? This is the question Ennis Barbary posed to the audience at the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum lecture on Tuesday, January 20. Barbary holds a master of applied anthropology degree from the University of Maryland. She interned at the Greenbelt Museum last year.

The word “cultural” encompasses beliefs, behaviors and practices learned in a given society, Barbary explained. And landscape focuses on geographic features as well as buildings, sidewalks, parks and other features of the built environment.

Barbary asked lecture attendees to draw a picture or map of Greenbelt showing their cultural landscape, including buildings, roads and other places important to them. Drawings created by lecture attendees were then compared to those created by nine Greenbelt residents who had participated in Barbary’s research project some months earlier.

Her study included a diverse

group of both new and older residents from Greenbelt East and West, as well as the historic center. The purpose of the study was to determine how individuals interact with their surroundings and to identify the characteristics that shape their personal landscapes.

Three common traits were on everyone’s map. The first was that most maps showed that highways divide Greenbelt. The second was that everyone had places with a shared meaning or utility. The third was that individuals drew places on their maps that had special meaning to them.

Highways are an important feature of Greenbelt, many concluded, because they divide the city into what one person called “pods.” Baltimore Avenue, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the Beltway, Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue “divide the space in Greenbelt into areas between which it is

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# Council Works on Five Proposals For City by SAGE Policy Group

by James Giese

Five action recommendations for economic development proposed by the city’s consultant, SAGE Policy Group, Inc., an economic and policy consulting firm in Baltimore, previously reviewed on two occasions by the city with Anirban Basu, chairman and CEO, were again rehashed by the Greenbelt City Council at its January 21 worksession. This time, however, only councilmembers and Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby sat at the table (along with the often-present and generally-silent City Clerk Cindy Murray taking minutes). The result was much talk, many ideas and penetrating observations, but little agreement on actions to be taken.

There were good reasons for not taking more significant action. The consultant’s report had been referred to the Advisory Planning Board, which had not had sufficient time to submit a report and to make recommendations. Hruby suggested that staff should make recommendations on implementing the proposals at a future date.

Currently the economic climate in the Washington Metropolitan area, in Prince George’s County and in and about Greenbelt, make some proposals not feasible for immediate action. Above all looms the determination by federal General Services Admin-

istration for a site for a new FBI headquarters facility. If the proposed site at Greenbelt Station were to be selected, it would be a real “game changer” for the Greenbelt economy.

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the meeting by noting past meetings with the consultant and that council had formally accepted the consultant’s report. “That does not necessarily mean that the council agrees with it,” he noted.

**Owner-occupied Housing**  
The first recommendation had to do with increasing the amount of owner-occupied housing within the city. Currently 54 percent of the city’s housing units are rental, Hruby said. Councilmember Judith Davis noted that owner-occupied housing had been a long-term goal of the city. It was noted that at this time, however, the strongest aspect of the real estate market was rental apartments.

Councilmembers noted that the city was almost entirely built out except at Greenbelt Station, where owner-occupied housing is now being built and more might follow. Only if a major property, like Maryland Trade Center Office Park, Greenway Center or Franklin Park apartments would be interested in redevelopment might there be an opportunity to encourage further owner-occupied housing.

**Tax Credits**  
Noting that the city’s housing stock is aging, the consultant recommended that the city offer tax breaks to encourage new construction and major upgrades. The tax break would be in the form of delaying the taxing of increased property value generated by the approved new construction, thereby not causing the city to lose any current revenue.

Councilmember Silke Pope, however, thought this proposal would be a problem to implement with the original housing. (Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the housing cooperative, is the owner of the property in which all resident GHI members hold an interest in all GHI property.) However, this might be a good program for the city to do, Pope said.

Councilmember Leta Mach agreed. But, she was concerned about how the city could evaluate the condition of properties to determine which might be eligible. She thought limiting the program to houses built before 1980 would be a good idea.

Councilmember Edward Putens disagreed, however. He said in Greenbelt East many newer condominiums and townhouses, even houses, had been subject to foreclosure since the past sharp drop in housing values

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# ACE Grants Fund Programs At Six Greenbelt Schools

by Jon Gardner

The Greenbelt City Council approved 20 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grants to six local schools, for a total of \$9,634.76 at its January 26 meeting. ACE grants are available to teachers and parent-teacher organizations from Greenbelt schools. The grants are given in response to proposals for projects or items that enhance or enrich school-based activities. They will be funded by the city and selection of the proposals for funding was made by the city council based on input from ACE.

Turning Point Academy submitted a proposal for the first time this year. The grant will expand the school’s garden by

enlarging it and adding new crops. The garden serves as a laboratory where the children learn about plants, the environment and nutrition while engaging in physical activity and working cooperatively.

Robert Goddard French Immersion School moved to Greenbelt this year and was eligible for ACE grants for the first time. They will receive three grants to make their media center more inviting for the younger students, expand their involvement in the Lego Robotics program and purchase supplies to paint murals on their recycling bins.

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## What Goes On

- Monday, February 2**  
**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession with Robert Goddard French Immersion School, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)
- Tuesday, February 3**  
**7 p.m.,** Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
- Wednesday, February 4**  
**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession with Advisory Board Chairs, Community Center
- Thursday, February 5**  
**6 to 8 p.m.,** Welcome Packet Stuffing Party, Municipal Building  
**7:30 p.m.,** Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 112

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# Letters to the Editor

## Invasive Triangle

Barbara Bjanes offered an excellent suggestion in the December 25 issue of the News Review regarding a temporary fix for English ivy that is infesting the Forest Preserve: "It seems to me that an individual who wants to do something now for the Forest Preserve can take a pair of garden shears and cut English ivy at the base of trees where it starts climbing up." Hand clippers and a screwdriver are better suited for the task, with the goal of cutting a three-foot gap in the ivy. This is a tedious process and can take a half hour or longer for each tree.

On November 24, the city council prohibited the city staff from issuing permits to those interested in providing immediate first aid to the Forest Preserve, as suggested by Ms. Bjanes. Unless the council revisits this issue, even the most limited steps to manage and protect the preserve will likely have to wait at least three years, probably longer.

Sadly, the Forest Preserve faces an immediate threat that lies hidden from trails that most people use when hiking in the preserve. I call one particularly troublesome area the "Invasive Triangle." It comprises an area bordered on one side by the compost-observatory rise at the end of Northway. Two streams from either side of the compost pile meet at a point about 300 yards away, forming the triangle. The area contains more than 50 trees that are covered with ivy. The area also contains an infestation of bush honeysuckle. Like ivy, this invasive poses a deadly threat to a healthy forest understory.

A single person could probably kill the ivy on all 50 trees between now and next fall. But that would leave little time to enjoy the rest of the preserve, much of which lies in remarkably pristine condition. A half-dozen volunteers working once a month could probably take care of the ivy and bush honeysuckle between now and next winter, with time left over to pick up trash and discover other areas where invasives pose a threat. Participating high school students could receive credit for service hours needed to graduate.

The area would have to be revisited by volunteers each month or so to start pulling ivy from the ground and keep new bush honeysuckle sprouts under control. Similar outings have taken place on the first Saturday of each month at Greenbelt Park for as long as I can remember.

I urge the city council to revisit the issue and allow city staff or volunteer groups to organize monthly invasive management outings, led by qualified individuals with backgrounds in forest science. Given the amount of interest in the preserve that is generated by the Pumpkin Walk each October, getting a half-dozen volunteers for one event each month should be easy. At this point, it would probably be enough to keep invasives at bay. In the next three years, the required effort will likely become far more extensive.

I urge the people of Greenbelt, including members of the



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city council, to take a few minutes to drive to the end of Northway. From the observatory site, look into the woods and at least two dozen ivy covered trees will be visible. There is no need to hike anywhere. Just take a look into the woods.

Willis Witter

**Above, a bush honeysuckle. This invasive species smothers the ground cover whenever an opening occurs in the tree canopy, killing any tree seedlings and other native plants that make up a healthy forest understory.**

## Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who showed kindness and sympathy to our family at the passing of our beloved wife and mother, Elizabeth Maffay. It reminds us what a wonderful place Greenbelt is. Elizabeth loved her adopted hometown and gave it her best. We are proud of her legacy and very proud to call Greenbelt our hometown.

Many Thanks,  
John W. Maffay  
and family



Betty Maffay, left, campaigning in 1974 for a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates. With Maffay is Pat Savage.

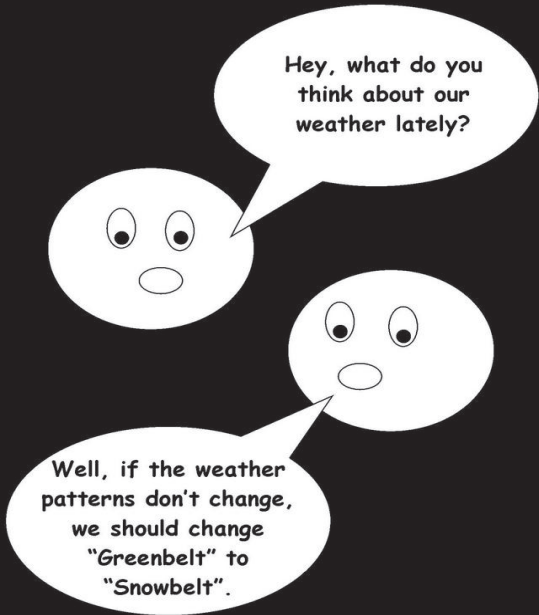
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Last Week's Swifty: "Don't worry about those big hives on your arms and legs, they'll go away, the camp counselor advised RASHLY."

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## Montpelier Has Alice Walker Celebration

To celebrate Black History Month, the Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel presents Alice Walker: American Icon, on Monday, February 2, 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. Sessions will be led by Dr. Karen Arnold. Call 301-377-7800; TTY 301-490-2329 for more information.

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m. Haiti's Forts of Freedom, an audiovisual lecture by Marvin Jones, will be the next session in the 2015 African History & Culture Lecture Series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African diaspora. Sessions will continue each Tuesday evening through February 24 in celebration of Black History Month.

### Storytimes

Monday, February 2: Spanish/English Preschool Storytime, 7:00 p.m., for ages 3-5, limit 20 people. Stories, finger plays and songs will be presented in Spanish and English.

Tuesday, February 3: Infants and Toddlers Program - Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7:00 p.m., for ages 0-3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us! Sing-a-longs, stories and quiet play activities will be presented to encourage engagement between caregivers and children. Focus will be on age-appropriate social/emotional, communication and literacy skills.

Thursday, February 5: Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m., for ages 3-5, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth-12 months, limit 20 people; Baby Storytime, 12:15 p.m., for ages 12-24 months, limit 20 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.



## GHI Notes

Friday, January 30, OFFICE CLOSED. Emergency maintenance will be available.

Monday, February 2, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Monday, February 9, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, Board Room, 7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room.

Friday, February 13, OFFICE CLOSED. Emergency maintenance will be available.

## GCAN to Discuss Pacific Partnership

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will hold a meeting on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) on Wednesday, February 4 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114.

Stan Boyd and Betsy Johnson of the Maryland Sierra Club will discuss how the TPP will affect the environment and, in particular, the global community's approaches to fighting climate change. Shilpa Joshi from GCAN will also be on hand to give an update on fracking legislation in Maryland. There will also be local announcements and updates on Greenbelt sustainability projects.

For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org), 301-345-2234.

More  
Community Events  
are located  
throughout the paper.

## Time Bank Orientation

On Saturday, February 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Michael Hartman and Tim Cohen-Mitchell will lead a Greenbelt Time Bank orientation for new and prospective members at Greenbelt Department of Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. Park inside the gate (or in the Buddy Attick Park lot) and enter the DPW building.

The Time Bank is a growing group of over 80 members who live, work or play in Greenbelt who are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of money. Participants earn hours by providing services to, and spend them by receiving services from, other members. Members have exchanged over 300 hours since the Time Bank was launched in October 2013.

For details, visit [greenbeltimebank.org](http://greenbeltimebank.org). Click the link to RSVP for February's orientation, call 301-474-2646, or email [greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

## Greenbelter Launches Her Novel "Flyboy"

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church member and well-known Greenbelter Randi Anderson has launched a novel titled Flyboy on the Kindle Scout website. This novel artfully weaves together a plot of romance, mystery and self-discovery when Meg James is reunited with her cousin, Sanjay, a teen boy disabled from birth who lives through his avatar, Flyboy.

Those interested may read Flyboy for free until February 25. No Kindle is required. Simply go to [kindlescout.amazon.com/p/2FV1SJSHDI08F](http://kindlescout.amazon.com/p/2FV1SJSHDI08F).

## Exploring Health Care Options

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Karen Bryant, RN, CHPN on Friday, February 6. Bryant is a professional liaison nurse with Hospice of the Chesapeake and will speak about the importance of health care options. She will discuss the importance of communicating health care options, the skill of compassionate listening and the importance of Advance Directives. She will also guide the audience through available health care options and resources throughout the trajectory of illness, and how to recognize when someone is hospice appropriate.

Bryant has been a hospice nurse for more than 23 years and is hospice and palliative care certified. She is an ELNEC "train the trainer" and a trainer for the Alzheimer's Association. She has worked many years as a hospital nurse and she currently serves on the board of the Prince George's Senior Provider group; Patient Advisory Committee and Cancer Committee at a local hospital.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.



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10:55, 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55  
Project Almanac, PG-13 (!)  
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Boy Next Door, R (!!)  
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Strange Magic, PG (!!)  
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Mortdecai, R (!!)  
9:40  
The Wedding Ringer, PG-13  
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Paddington, PG  
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American Sniper, R  
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Selma, PG-13  
1:25, 9:15

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### THURSDAY

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# Obituaries

## John Madigan

John Madigan's Memorial Gathering/Potluck, will be held February 8, 4 to 8 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi.

The potluck is being organized by France Andrews Zeve, Museinred@gmail.com. Put "memorial" in the subject line to coordinate.

Kiva will be performing.

## Patricia Eileen O'Brien Shawker

Patricia Eileen O'Brien Shawker, 59, died on January 16, 2015, after a two-and-a-half year battle with cancer. Residents of Greenbelt East, she and her husband Thomas H. Shawker, had lived on Megan Lane since 1988.



Mrs. Shawker graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in accounting and became a certified genealogist in 1999. As a professional genealogist her research focused on Maryland and federal records. She was a frequent lecturer at state and national genealogical societies.

From 2003 to 2006 she was the treasurer of the National Genealogical Society. She served on the boards of both the State of Maryland and the National Genealogical Societies. Mrs. Shawker was the author of Research in Maryland in the National Genealogical Society Research in the States series.

In 2014 she was made a Fellow of the Maryland Genealogical Society. At the time of her death she was the director of the National Institute on Genealogical Research, the treasurer and a trustee of the Board for Certification of the Genealogist Education Fund and a registrar for the Prince George's County Genealogical Society.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Shawker is survived by her sisters Maureen (Gordon) Brooks and Kathleen (Ron) Bailey; brothers Robert and Timothy O'Brien; and six nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on January 24, 2015, at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville. Inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.





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## Talk on Religious Garb in Workplace

On Friday, January 30 at 8 p.m. during the Shabbat Evening Service at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Administrative Law Judge David Norken of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) will speak about the latest developments regarding the wearing of religious garb and grooming in the workplace. Norken is a former EEOC trial attorney.

The topic raises numerous questions. For example, may a Jew wear a Jewish Star, Mezuzah or yarmulke to work? May a Rastafarian wear dreadlocks on the job? What about a Muslim woman wearing a hijab, or for that matter, an observant Jewish woman wearing a scarf or a wig to work? Does the employer have to provide reasonable accommodation for permitted garb or grooming? Norken will consider these and related questions in his lecture on Religious Garb and Grooming in the Workplace.

## Mishkan Torah Airs Documentary Film

On Sunday, February 8 at 2 p.m. the Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a special screening of the award-winning film Trembling Before God. Made in 2001, the documentary concerns people trying to reconcile their homosexuality with their Jewish fundamental religious beliefs.

The event is free and open to the entire community.



**Congratulations to:**

– Randi Anderson, whose latest novel, Flyboy, has been launched by Kindle Scout. This is the third of Anderson's novels to be self-published on Kindle. One of the others, Walking on Water, was a finalist for the Black Mountain Asheville Award. Anderson is a vice president of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and has done all this writing since her retirement. Until February 25, Flyboy can be read on line for free at <https://kindlescout.amazon.com/p/2FV1SJSHD108F>.

– Dianna Lee, DDS, who has become a partner in the McCarl Dental Group.

We hope those who get the Sunday Washington Post caught the Street Smart page about Greenbelt in the January 25 Magazine. The article, on page 3, outlines and illustrates five nuggets that make our city unique: the Community Center, Greenbelt Park, Greenbelt Arts Center, the New Deal Café and Generous Joe's. The paragraph about the deli, illustrated by the portrait of Joe Natoli which hangs on the wall there, is especially touching.

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– Kathleen McFarland

## Widowed Persons Support Group

Men and women who have recently lost their spouses are invited to a free support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS). The group will meet once each week for six weeks starting Thursday, February 19 at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive. Each session will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is required before the group starts. The group is open to all widowed persons in Prince George's County regardless of age, race or religious belief.

Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions. The participants share personal experiences, exchange information and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. In the past, persons dealing with their new circumstances after losing a spouse have received great benefits from the insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships within such groups.

To register and for more information and directions, call 301-577-4312 or 301-483-8202. PWPS and its services were originally sponsored by the American Association for Retired Persons and now by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and other community organizations.

## Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, January 29, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon until 2 p.m. Open Mic will be hosted by Tom Gleason from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, January 30, John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Daryl Jr. Cline Band will take the stage with R&B soul music with a rockin' edge from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 31, Guernsey plays classic American standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. followed by the zydeco band, Little Red and the Renegades, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 1, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. In the afternoon, an Art Reception for artists Ann Dunne and Gina Mai Denn will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Stop by to meet the artists and explore their artwork. Medium Gauge, a folk rock group, will play from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3, The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers from 7 to 9 p.m. New songs, old songs and special guests will be featured.

Wednesday, February 4, The Brother Yares, a folk duo with Middle Eastern flavor, will play from 7 to 9 p.m.

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# Shelter Animals Get Help from Friends

by Li'l Dan Celdran

The newly formed Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS), a 501(c)3 non-profit organized and managed by volunteers, has begun to raise funds for the additional needs of animals at the shelter. The group aims to help the shelter complete special improvement projects, add enrichment activities, offer animal-centric educational classes for local residents, help with unusual medical costs and work with the city to make the shelter a better place for all. Most recently, the group was able to fund new, raised dog beds.

The group now plans to improve the shelter and its space by expanding vertically. Volunteers are considering mounting wall cubbies and even bridges. They are discussing a pass-through between the two rooms and even adding a cat exercise wheel. They are also seeking to purchase new Shor-Line stainless steel cages for the isolation cat room. Donations can be made by going to [gofundme.com/GB-AnimalShelter](http://gofundme.com/GB-AnimalShelter).

The shelter is open to visitors on Wednesdays 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.to noon. Call 301-474-6124 for details.

*Michele Touchet, WAGS board member, and Howard Stanback, Greenbelt animal control officer, contributed to this article.*

## Study Groundhogs On February 2

On Monday, February 2 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. the Patuxent Refuge will offer a free program on groundhogs for children ages 3 and 4. Come celebrate Groundhog's Day by learning more about February's famous rodent in this hands-on program specially designed for preschoolers.

Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For details visit [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road.

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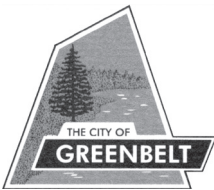
PHOTO BY HOWARD STANBACK

# Greenbelt Mayor Attends D.C. Mayor's Inauguration



Mayor Emmett Jordan attended the inauguration of Washington, D.C.'s new Mayor Muriel Bowser at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on January 2.

PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG



# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 2-6

Monday, February 2 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING with Robert Goddard French Immersion School** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. This meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, February 4 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Advisory Board Chairs** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, February 5 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 112.

*All meetings listed are open to the public. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

## AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON



**Sunday, February 1  
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See the young acrobats of Skyview Gymnastics in a high-energy tumbling, balance and acrobatic dance performance, 3pm.  
(An Artful Afternoon favorite!)

Come early for a rainstick craft workshop with Lorraine DiPietro, 1-3pm.

Plus: artists' studio open house and sale, 1-4pm; Greenbelt museum and art gallery exhibits, ongoing; Greenbelt Museum historic house tours, 1-5pm (\$3).

## WELCOME PACKET STUFFING PARTY!

**Thursday, February 5  
6-8pm at the Municipal Building  
25 Crescent Road**

Come on out and help us put together the next set of Greenbelt Welcome Packets for new residents. Light refreshments will be served.  
If you have any questions, please contact [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov) or at 240-542-2026.

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### FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

**See our pets at**  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter)

## OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR GREENBELT CARES FAMILY COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES offers a Family Counseling Clinic on Wednesday evenings, 6pm to 9pm. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has no waiting list, so immediate appointments are available. Families who are in need of parenting support to effectively manage academic, behavioral, or other issues impacting their young children or teens can contact the agency at 301-345-6660. In addition to CARES' usual Family Clinic, two staff counselors are also offering Parent Child Interaction Therapy, which specifically addresses the needs of children ages two through six.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
GREENBELT CARES AT 301-345-6660**



**DCHweb.org/breast**



### Black Artists' Work At Playhouse

Kaleidoscope, a free exhibit by Black Artists of D.C., is open now through March 13 at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. Established in 1999, Black Artists of D.C. is comprised of artists at all stages of development. Work spans all media, subject matter and style and membership is inclusive of age, gender and ethnicity. These artists understand that there can be a profoundly nurturing bond between artists of African descent throughout the diaspora.

### UM Offers Macbeth Performances

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will be the site of five free performances of Macbeth by William Shakespeare. The play will be presented at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday, January 30, and 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 31.

Directed by School of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies artists Riley Bartlebaugh and Sean Patrick Forsythe, this promenade performance will ensnare the audience in the meteoric rise and tragic fall of a dynasty that was never meant to be. Note that while these performances are free, advance tickets are required. Call 301-401-2787 for tickets.

### Doctors Community Hospital Fundraiser

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the nonprofit Doctors Community Hospital is raising funds to support the renovation of its surgical services suite. People can contribute to advancing community health by making tax-deductible donations.

Community members can leave lasting memories communicating their dedication to providing hope and good health to residents through Doctors Community Hospital's Legacy Campaign.

Once completed, the renovations will help more residents receive accessible and advanced treatments for various complex medical conditions within the community.

As part of the surgical services suite's modern design, the new addition and walkway architecture will include various types of inscribed pavers or stones. By making a tax-deductible donation that includes multiple giving options, people can choose to have these pavers or stones recognize a loved one or express gratitude for the quality of care they or a loved one received at Doctors Community Hospital.

For more information, contact 301-552-8670, [foundation@DCHweb.org](mailto:foundation@DCHweb.org) or [DCHweb.org/Legacy](http://DCHweb.org/Legacy).

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that council select the Friends of Greenbelt Theater as operator of the theater when it reopens. Her sense was that the other two proposals had failed to include or satisfactorily involve the community. She also pointed out that in her view FOGT did indeed offer a business plan and that was the hybrid that councilmembers and others were seeking.

Councilmember Leta Mach thanked all three of the organizations that had submitted proposals and participated in the council deliberations. While admitting that it is difficult for a theater to survive economically with a single screen, she said she is committed to the vision for the theater and the Roosevelt Center. In her final analysis Mach said that FOGT offered the best proposal as a not-for-profit entity and its features for education and community involvement.

Jordan summarized his feelings, indicating that he agreed with Roberts regarding taxpayer subsidization and that he had hoped there could have been combined proposals. He also expressed concern regarding the not-for-profit status of FOGT and wondered whether that arrangement might lead to a beneficial

status for the members of the non-profit organization while the city acts as a "public utility" as owner of the theater.

In the end when the vote was called, council unanimously approved Davis's motion. Following the vote, discussion ensued concerning next steps, with comments from a few members of the audience and an indication that council members should submit to McLaughlin any suggestions regarding specific elements to be included in the draft contract for the new operator. Initial thinking is that a proposal would be introduced as a resolution at the first regular city council meeting in February and approved at the next regular

council meeting.

### The Theater Saga

In this reporter's view, the entire theater saga mirrors some of my favorite movies:

1. Mary Poppins – "A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down."
2. Casablanca – On a rainy and foggy air strip – Rick says his farewell to Ilsa, "Here's looking at you kid."
3. Shane – Shane says, "Tell your mother everything will be all right." "Shane, come back!"
4. It's a Wonderful Life – As there was a rush on the Building and Loan, George Bailey says, "We can get through this thing. We've got to stick together."



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Carjacking

January 15, 11:07 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. Two men armed with knives wearing ski masks approached a man in the parking lot and demanded his vehicle, tennis shoes and money. They fled in his silver 2004 Nissan Armada SUV, with D.C. tags EF5665. Both men are described as being black, one 5'4" tall, 120 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes; the other is 5'6" tall, 160 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

### DWI/DUI

January 17, 4:18 p.m., Lastner Lane near Crescent Road. An 18-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with alcohol and other traffic-related violations after investigation of a suspicious vehicle with a flat tire being driven. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Codeine Possession

January 15, 4:05 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of codeine after he ran from officers responding to a report of a large fight. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

### Arrest

January 19, 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Three nonresident men ages 20, 29 and 18 were arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, theft and resisting arrest when an officer observed a suspicious, occupied vehicle in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 4-door 2002 Honda Civic, had been reported stolen by the Hyattsville City Police Department. All three men exited the vehicle and were apprehended after a short foot chase and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Theft

January 19, 12 p.m., 7200 block South Ora Court. Documents were taken from a residence.

January 20, 10:31 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A woman responded to an ad for a cell phone on Craigslist and agreed to buy it. She met with the seller and after he got the money he gave her the phone. He then grabbed it from her hand and fled on foot. He is described as being black, approximately 21 years old, 5'4" tall, 195 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

### Trespass

January 20, 3:10 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. Five

adults were arrested and charged with trespass after they were observed on the grounds of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and refused to leave when told to do so by a school administrator. They are two nonresident men, one 19 and the other 20 years old, and three women, an 18-year-old nonresident and two 20-year-old residents. All were released on citation pending trial.

### Vehicle Crime

A silver Chevrolet Trailblazer SUV with Md. tags 27241M7 was taken from the 7900 block Mandan Road.

A 2004 Acura TL reported stolen by the Prince George's County Police Department was recovered in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. No arrests were made.

An in-dash stereo system was stolen in the 9100 block Springhill Lane. A witness observed two men exit a silver Chevrolet Impala, enter another vehicle in the parking lot and flee in the Impala. It was then discovered that an in-dash stereo system had been stolen.

A notebook-type computer and clothing were taken from a locked vehicle in the 6400 block Ivy Lane using unknown means. Contents were removed from an unlocked vehicle in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road.

Tires and rims were stolen from two vehicles, one in the 6400 block Ivy Lane and the other from Mandan Road near Hanover Parkway. The right rear window of the latter vehicle was also broken. Four tires on a vehicle in the 100 block Westway were slashed and paint scratched.

An attempted theft from auto was reported in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway, where a front passenger window was broken and the glove box rifled through. Nothing was taken.

A handicap placard was taken after a window was broken in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

An act of vandalism occurred to a vehicle at the Exxon Station in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road when a woman drove up to another woman at a pump. A verbal altercation ensued over the position of the car at the pump. As the woman in the car drove away she threw a bottle at the car at the pump, striking it and damaging the paint. She is described as a 36-to-40 year old black woman, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, 160 to 170 pounds, with black hair, wearing a pink and black striped shirt and a black skirt.



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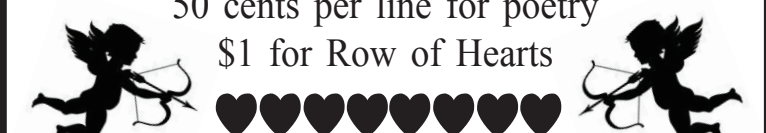


# LOVE NOTES

*"Oh, My Darling I love you!"*

Bring us your Love Notes on  
Tuesday, February 3 or Monday, February 9  
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# Dr. Dianna Lee Joins the Team As New McCarl Dental Partner

by Sue Krofchik

January 1 marked more than the beginning of the new year, 2015. January 1 also marked the first time the McCarl Dental Group, P.C., has made a non-McCarl dentist, Dr. Dianna Lee, full partner in the legal sense.

Being named as partner also marks the blending of the four dental generation McCarl family with the two dental generation Lee family. Add in generations of McCarl patients being treated since 1938. Who ever thought going to the dentist would become the family affair it is.

Lee is a 2009 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, from which four generations of McCarls, six dentists and two dental hygienists, have also graduated.

Lee earned a doctor of dental surgery (DDS) degree and was the recipient of the Timothy O’Heatwole Award. This recognizes the one student selected by all professors who best demonstrates ethics and kindness to patients, fellow students and staff. Accompanying this is an actual chair featuring the school name and Lee’s name engraved on a plaque. She describes the award as “a huge honor that compliments the recipient as a person and professional.”

Lee began working at the McCarl Dental Group as a part-time dental assistant when she was a 16-year-old high school student at Good Counsel High School. As her first week came to an end, a classmate asked how the job was going. “All I know is that we tell everyone to floss,” she responded. (Now, after five years as a dentist, using the latest technology and the best dental materials, she is still telling people to floss, one of the most important things a person can do to improve their dental health.)

She continued work as a dental assistant during undergraduate years at the University of Maryland College Park where she majored in biology. She had always wanted to be a pediatrician but realized she preferred the role dentists play in patient care, working with her hands in somewhat of an artistic way, putting patients at ease and ensuring a pleasant patient outcome.

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The Lee family is growing deep roots too. Two generations of Lees are currently working at



Dr. Jay McCarl, left, new partner Dr. Dianna Lee and Dr. Clayton S. McCarl, Jr., review a patient chart.

McCarl Dental Group. Mother Fran Lawrence began in 1996 and is patient care coordinator. Sister Rosemary Lee began working as a dental assistant in 2009 and is now studying dental hygiene. Last year sister Madeline Lee began part-time work as a dental assistant.

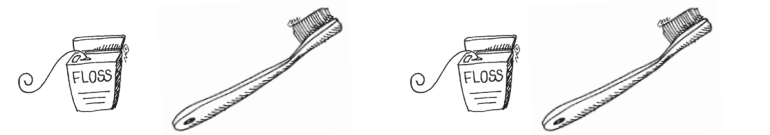
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Dr. Dianna Lee advanced from high school student and part-time dental assistant in 1998 to dental associate in 2009 to McCarl Dental Group partner in 2015. This photo shows Dr. Lee and her sister Rosie the first day Dr. Lee treated patients after graduating from University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Rosemary Lee became a dental assistant for McCarl Dental Group in 2009 and is currently in school to become a dental hygienist.



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ERHS SADD members and Greenway Center CVS pharmacist, Chika Anyanwu, participating in the Great American Smokeout, one of their various campaigns to point students toward a healthy and safe lifestyle.

## ERHS Salutes National SADD Shines Day on February 4

by Megan Conover

Eleanor Roosevelt High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) will join thousands of their peers across the country on Wednesday, February 4 as national SADD Shines Day celebrates the power of positive peer engagement and honors teens’ commitment to helping young people to fulfill their life dreams.

“SADD was founded on the principle that young people are uniquely powerful in keeping their friends safe and alive,” stated Joanne Read, adult sponsor of the group. “SADD students have been creating positive change in many ways. From mentoring younger students to serving as positive role models, engaging in community service projects and advocating for change in our schools, communities and states. SADD students exemplify and celebrate the power of positive youth involvement,” added Read.

Eleanor Roosevelt SADD students will show off their SADD spirit and celebrate national SADD Shines Day with a special ceremony centered on a homemade lantern. As the unifying symbol for this annual event, the lit lanterns will demonstrate how SADD students light the way to making our schools and communities stronger and healthier places. The group plans to hold a discussion of various pressures and problems faced by teenagers and how SADD fights these in order to have healthier lives. The SADD chapter also plans to have County Executive Rushern Baker read the SADD Shines Day proclamation.

“National SADD Shines Day focuses the country’s attention on the optimism and energy of young people in creating meaningful change in their personal lives, schools and communities across

the country,” stated Maddie Seel, SADD National Student of the Year. “Together, with the many caring adults who have helped guide the work, thousands of young lives have been saved along the way. This unique legacy involves caring and action, empowering young people to empower each other.”

The chapter will also be honored by being inducted into the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame for their efforts in helping the Greenbelt Community. The group annually participates in campaigns such as a Mock Car Crash with the Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Fire Departments and the Greenbelt Police Department to bring awareness to distracted and drunk driving as well as Red Ribbon Week in October to bring awareness to drug and alcohol addiction in honor of DEA Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena who was killed by a drug cartel while fighting drugs in his community.

To learn more about Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s SADD, visit their Facebook group page and follow them on Twitter @sadd\_erhs. To become a Friend of SADD, make a secure donation online at [www.sadd.org](http://www.sadd.org).

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Skyview Gymnastics will bring a high-energy performance to the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, February 1 at 3 p.m.

## Artful Afternoon Features Gymnasts, Rain Sticks

Skyview Gymnastics returns to the Community Center for the Recreation Department’s monthly Artful Afternoon. On Sunday, February 1 enjoy a free, high-energy performance at 3 p.m. by the young members of Skyview’s gymnastic dance and acrobatic teams.

From 1 to 3 p.m., make rain sticks in a free workshop with Loraine DiPietro, an artist-in-residence. From 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a variety of additional activities.

A new exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery features poetic, figurative sculpture and mixed media prints by artist Michelle Dickson. The center’s nine artists-in-residence will host an open house and sale; see

their work in many styles and media, and find unique gifts for all occasions. Upstairs the Greenbelt Access Television production studio will be open for tours. Learn how a local organization can produce its own public service announcement.

The Greenbelt Museum’s current exhibit, Greenbelt: The First 75 Years, explores the city’s history through an interactive timeline. For more local history, tour the museum’s historic house at 10-B Crescent Road; tours are available from 1 to 5 p.m. for a nominal fee.

See the Recreation Department’s winter activity guide available online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts). All programs are open to both residents and non-residents of Greenbelt.

## Greenbelt Resident Pledges National Service

Patrick Felsher of Greenbelt is one of 96 men and women pledging to perform 10 months of national service as part of the Atlantic Region’s 21st class of the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), an AmeriCorps program.

As a Corps member, Felsher plans to spend his service time getting things done for America while strengthening communities and developing his leadership skills. He and his team will work on a variety of projects focusing on disaster response and recovery efforts, possibly working with organizations such as The National Guard or the American Red Cross.

“I decided to apply because I wanted a way to help serve my community and country as a whole, while at the same time learning work-related skills,” said Felsher.

“I enjoy volunteering in general, and working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency lets me know that I am helping directly with those impacted the most by disasters here in the country,” said Felsher.

After his 10-month tenure, Felsher will graduate from NCCC in May 2015 with an education award of \$5,645, which can be used to continue education or to pay back student loans.

### The Clarice Offers Free Jazz Clinic

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland will be the site of a jazz clinic on Friday, February 6 at noon. Join saxophonist and composer Rudresh Mahanthappa with students from the UMD School of Music jazz program in Gildenhorn Recital Hall.

### Ceramic Event Marks Black History Month

The Langley Park Community Center will hold a Black History Ceramic Celebration on Sunday, February 1 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Participants will build clay projects using ancient techniques and designs. This free event is open to ages 6+. Call 301-445-4508; TTY 301-445-4512 for details.

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made many properties worth less than their outstanding mortgages. Many of these homes had been vacated, badly maintained and subject to damage from leaks and thefts.

Davis also expressed interest in the tax credit program. She felt that the criteria for implementing the program could be worked out. She suggested that the criteria give impetus to the employment of Greenbelt workers.

Jordan noted that the consultants recommended implementation by 2015. Hruby said it might be wise to wait until after the new round of reassessments for Greenbelt is done by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. She also suggested that the city do grants instead of tax deductions.

Council agreed that staff should proceed in developing this proposal but Pope opined that she felt that such a program would yield little added property valuation.

### Commercial

Tax breaks for improving commercial property of 10,000 square feet or more was the third consultant proposal, with taxes on new construction delayed for six years. Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the economy improved, wouldn’t the problem be solved on its own?

Jordan noted a recent article, however, contending that the economy of the Washington area was not being resolved, in part due to Congressional cutbacks in funding the government. He also noted that College Park and the state were creating tax incentives to encourage development around the University of Maryland.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted that commercial property is not taxed the same as residential property and that assessed values of commercial property are based upon its actual revenue generation rather than its market property value.

Mach questioned whether any owner would take advantage of a city tax break but she thought it might be good to offer one to demonstrate the city was business friendly. Herling suggested creating an enterprise zone for environmentally-friendly businesses. He also felt that using a \$30,000 item in this year’s budget to promote commercial development would be a lot better than using it for improving residences.

Putens suggested tax breaks to bring new businesses into the city. Davis said there was also a need to encourage small businesses. Hruby told council that McLaughlin felt the city should undertake only one new program at a time.

From the audience, Lore Rosenthal reminded council of a need for another anchor at Greenbelt Station if the FBI relocation falls through.

Michael Hartman of the New Deal Café urged the employment of someone on city staff to seek out businesses to relocate to the city, to which Jordan responded that the consultant did not think the city big enough to support an economic development position.

Roberts contended that the city had “an excellent economy.” The city budget had grown from \$8 to \$25 million during the past 20 years, he noted. “Let the market do its thing,” he urged.

### Beltway Plaza

The fourth recommendation was for the city to support redevelopment at Beltway Plaza Mall.

“Why just the Beltway Plaza?” Jordan wondered. “Because the Beltway Plaza is pushing to do it,” Mach responded. “We have supported it,” Putens said. “We told him what he needs to do.”

Putens and Mach were skeptical that the owners were in a position to do anything. (At a previous meeting, owner-representative Marc Kapistan had told council that the economy was not in sufficiently good shape for Beltway Plaza to proceed with improvements to the mall, but that the decision to relocate the FBI headquarters here would be a “game changer.”)

Putens was concerned that only additional construction in the back of the mall would be undertaken. Mach agreed. She said it was necessary for the entire property, not just the back, to be considered.

Hruby noted that long-term agreements with the owners of Giant and Target prevent any more building in front. The owners have flexibility only in back. The bad real estate market, she said, is the reason the dialogue between the city and the mall owners has broken down.

Herling said there was a need to look at Greenway Center as well. He felt there was a need to be able to bring bus service into that shopping center.

Jordan said the city needed to consider more than just the two centers and to look at the entire Greenbelt Road corridor. He has had some preliminary talks with Mayor Chye Calvo of Berwyn Heights on this subject, he said. (The side of Greenbelt Road opposite the Beltway Plaza from Edmonston Road west is within Berwyn Heights.)

### Roosevelt Center

The report urged the city to be more aggressive in getting the owners to do more to maintain and upgrade the buildings in historic Roosevelt Center, the original planned community’s commercial and governmental center.

Jordan noted that some people at the previous worksession with the consultant had felt that this was not an appropriate role for the city. Roosevelt Center is also never going to be the commercial center of Greenbelt, he said, but it is the seat of government and the center of the historic district.

Several councilmembers felt there was little opportunity for more housing development at Roosevelt Center. Some felt that putting residences above the stores would not be a good idea.

Roberts noted the historic sig-

nificance of Greenbelt that has brought people here from all over the world.

Davis said that people don’t want density but better transportation and services but to do that you need more people, she said. “Density is not a bad word,” she added. She said that it was not necessary to preserve the center “like Williamsburg” but that residents did not want high-rise apartments either.

Roberts acknowledged that some people enjoyed the amenities of density but that the people who lived in historic Greenbelt like low density. “I’m not willing to give up my quality of life for a restaurant,” he said.

Herling reminded council of a charette in the 70s that proposed adding a second story to the two front buildings for residential units. “The critical mass of the Roosevelt Center needs to be increased,” he said. He urged a private/public partnership to purchase the original buildings from the current owner. Otherwise, the status quo will be maintained at the Center, he said.

Putens said the people didn’t want us to do that and Davis agreed. She said there was a need to do something with the current owner but she did not know what that could be. Roberts felt the current tenants should try to buy it.

Pope noted that remodeling the theater was a positive step but that more needed to be done. Members felt that while there were some new vacancies, other businesses were doing well.

Pope pointed out that council needed to know what its vision was for the Center.

### Action

Jordan felt the city should employ someone else to put the consultant’s recommendations into “something doable.” Davis thought that the present consultant should be asked to do more and that the city should spend more than small sums. Jordan answered it wasn’t about plans but about action.

Mach said the city needed to find the means to finance tax incentives. The city also should be doing more to positively interact with the business community, like holding more business breakfasts. But she cautioned that council should not jump ahead of the Advisory Planning Board.

Hruby suggested that city staff take a look at the first three recommendations, particularly two and three, to see what the city can do to implement them.

The SAGE report, “An Economic Development Strategy for Greenbelt, Maryland,” is available on the city’s website at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov).

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